

Information Request DTE-U 1-1

Refer to UWUA Comments at 2. Please list all states with inspection and maintenance programs and describe their programs. Explain how a program should be implemented in Massachusetts, its costs, and its bill impact.

Response

IBEW Local 103 has no information that is responsive to this request.

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Refer to UWUA Comments at 2. Please explain why inspection and maintenance guidelines are easier to administer and monitor for Department, in contrast to the Department's current SQ Guidelines.

Response

IBEW Local 103 has no information that is responsive to this request.

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Refer to IBEW Comments at 8-13. Please discuss how gas and electric distribution companies would (1) maintain files of contract employees' credentials and (2) guarantee the certification of contract employees.

Response

Electric companies could (1) maintain files of contract employees' credentials and (2) guarantee the certification of contract employees as follows:

1. Requiring that all companies bidding to perform electrical work provide information concerning the apprenticeship training program(s) in which their employees and subcontractors participate, including the name(s) of the program(s) and the federal and state certification numbers;
2. Requiring that every contractor performing electrical work on the utility's system provide, before commencing work, a list of all employees that will perform electrical work, each employee's classification (e.g., apprentice, journeyman, etc.), the name and federal and state certification numbers of the apprenticeship program he or she is participating in or has completed, and any continuing education programs he or she is currently attending;
3. Requiring that every contractor performing electrical work on the utility's system provide, on a monthly basis after work commences, a list by job of all employees that performed electrical work the previous month, their classification (e.g., apprentice, journeyman, etc.), the number of hours of work performed, and the name and federal and state certification numbers of the apprenticeship program each employee is participating in or has completed; and
4. Performing spot checks of individual electricians at the job site, requiring them to provide their name, classification, license (if any), and evidence of participation in a state and federally-approved apprenticeship training program. Reports of such spot checks shall be submitted by the electric company to the Department on a monthly basis.

IBEW Local 103 has no specific recommendations regarding gas distribution companies.

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Refer to the employees described in UWUA's Reply at 4. For each gas and electric distribution company, please provide a listing in Excel format of employees by department, position, and titles for the years 1997 through 2004. Please indicate which employees are union members.

Response

IBEW Local 103 has no information that is responsive to this request.

Information Request DTE-U 1-5

Please provide any documents that outline agreements between the union and company that would authorize changes in the staffing numbers, such as early retirement packages, negotiated raises, etc, for all employees.

Response

IBEW Local 103 has no information that is responsive to this request.

Information Request DTE-U 1-6

Please provide the number of new employees each local distribution company would need to hire to have the same number of employees as it had in 1997. Detail how the number was derived and what positions would be created or filled.

Response

IBEW Local 103 has no information that is responsive to this request.